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TAGS: PDIP, US, SF

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ASSIGNMENT OF BLACK OFFICER.

1. RAND DAILY MAIL MARCH 10 CARRIES FRONT PAGE STORY FROM RICHARD WALKER IN NEW YORK REPORTING ASSIGNMENT OF RICHARD BALTIMORE TO PRETORIA. FULL TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN QUOTE: BLACK US ENVOY FOR SA-A NEW BLACK AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IS PREPARING TO TAKE UP A PRETORIA POST WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AND ANOTHER MAY BE ASSIGNED THERE SOON. MR. RICHARD BALTIMORE, A 29-YEAR-OLD NEW YORKER, IS GOING AS A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD. THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE SHORTLY. IT WILL BE MR. BALTIMORE'S SECOND FOREIGN POSTING. HIS FIRST WAS IN LISBON WHERE HE ALSO SERVED AS A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICER. MR. BALTIMORE, A HARVARD LAW SCHOOL GRADUATE, IS CURRENTLY WORKING FULL-TIME PREPARING FOR ASSIGNMENT, READING UP ON THE REPUBLIC AND STUDYING CONSULAR DUTIES. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, CONFIRMING MR. BALTIMORE'S POSTING, ALSO CONCEDED THAT A SECOND BLACK DIPLOMAT MAY BE DESTINED FOR SOUTH AFRICA SOON. THEY GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.END QUOTE.

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2. IF QUIRIED EMBASSY WILL CONFIRM SOTRY. NOTING THAT IT  
IS A ROUTINE ASSIGNMENT AND OFFERING NO FURTHER COMMENT.  
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